

# Agricultural Commissioner / Sealer of Weights & Measures

Christine Turner, Agricultural Commissioner

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## **MISSION STATEMENT**

**To protect the agricultural industry by detecting and eradicating dangerous and invasive pests, promote the sale of locally grown products, protect the public and environment by promoting the safe use of pesticides, and increase consumer confidence in local businesses by protecting against fraud and deception.**

Appropriation	Actual 2004-05	Position Allocations	BOS Adopted 2005-06	Position Allocations
Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer of Weights & Measures	\$ 1,256,877	13	\$ 1,430,773	13
Fish & Game Commission	7,520	0	23,567	0
Total:	\$ 1,264,397	13	\$ 1,454,340	13

## CORE FUNCTIONS

### Agricultural Commissioner / Sealer of Weights & Measures

The Agricultural Commissioner promotes regional public awareness of Placer County agriculture and the sale of agricultural products and encourages agriculture-related tourism as a means of economic diversification for the farming community. In addition, the program protects Placer County's agricultural and natural resources against damage caused by exotic insects, diseases, and weeds; assure compliance with the federal and state laws pertaining to the proper and safe use of pesticides; and protect farms from incompatible land uses, which would limit agricultural productivity and efficiency. The Sealer of Weights and Measures' program enforces laws and regulations that assure marketplace equity for transactions involving count, weight, or measure.

### Fish & Game Commission

Preserves the fisheries and wildlife in Placer County for future generations through local fish plants, habitat improvements, animal trappings and collaring, and pollution monitoring of streams and lakes in cooperation with the State Department of Fish and Game.

### FY 2004-05 Major Accomplishments

- Continued to prevent the introduction of non-native plants, insects and diseases into Placer County's agricultural, natural and urban landscapes.
- Implemented a roadside vendor enforcement program in cooperation with the Planning Department's Code Enforcement Division.
- Improved outreach to landscape maintenance gardeners to assist them in their compliance with state pesticide laws and regulations.
- As part of the County's ongoing Agricultural Marketing Program, published the 2005 Farm Trails Guide and distributed 100,000 copies countywide. Held the inaugural two-day Farm and Barn Festival in cooperation with Sierra College with the second day's focus on visiting farms and ranches that opened their "doors" to the public. Assisted Placer County mandarin growers in marketing their bumper crop through the Mountain Mandarin Magic farm tours in December 2004.
- Promoted the opening of additional Foothill Farmers' Market sites throughout the County.
- Assisted in the public outreach to the agricultural community about West Nile Virus through participation on the County's West Nile Virus (WNV) Task Force.

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- Supported Placer County Water Agency's efforts in the successful installation of a California Irrigation Management Information System (CIMIS) weather station in the Penryn area to assist growers with real time weather information to better determine optimum irrigation schedules, potential weather-related hazards and timing of Integrated Pest Management (IPM) practices.
- Assisted the Fish and Game Commission in providing funding to support youth wildlife management and outreach programs including the Sportsmen's Legacy Foundation, Kid's Fish Derby, and the Placer Nature Center.

## FY 2005-06 Planned Accomplishments

- Complete state contracts in the areas of pest prevention, pesticide use enforcement and weights and measures.
- Promote an expanded Farm and Barn Tour to help make the connection between farm and non-farm families.
- Continue to assist Placer County growers to develop their own agricultural marketing information.
- Refine the Weights and Measures device registration database to include all the businesses that use weighing, measuring or counting devices in commercial transactions.
- Utilize Geographic Information System (GIS) computer software that will be integrated with the Pesticide Permit Program for increased map accuracy and better customer service.
- Ensure full staffing of the Predatory Animal Control program.
- Assist the Fish and Game Commission with plans to host the statewide Fish and Game Conference in the Spring of 2006.

## Department Comments

For the FY 2005-06, the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) and the Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) will continue to experience the effects of last year's budget cuts and many unfilled staff positions. These two state agencies fund portions of many of our regulatory programs and try to send state program staff to provide county assistance and training. It will be more difficult for our state partners to assist us next fiscal year. The Department's annual program contracts with the CDFA and the DPR show no changes between FY 2004-05 and FY 2005-06. At the County level, we will strive to provide nearly the same level of regulatory presence and community service that we have in the past.

We will continue to be involved in the land use decision-making process that affects farm and ranch families and the dwindling agricultural land resource base necessary to maintain a viable agricultural segment of the County's economy. In addition, the department will continue to promote locally grown agricultural products by working through the Agricultural Marketing Program. In FY 2004-05, a two-year contract was approved by the Board of Supervisors to support the Agricultural Marketing program and the Auditor-Controller's Office encumbered the funding for FY 2005-06.

## County Executive Comments and Recommendations

In addition to other responsibilities and with the same resources, the *Agricultural Commissioner / Sealer* continues its core function of responding to external threats to the agricultural industry including exotic insects, diseases and weeds. The recommended budget includes full funding for allocated positions. Services and supplies include appropriations to cover the costs of the Fruitvale School restoration, a new inspection device for fuel stations, increases in workload related to Medfly detection and trapping, the glassy winged sharpshooter and weed abatement in the Lake Tahoe Basin. Additionally, promotional expenses for the Mandarin Farm Tour and Placer Farm and Barn Festival are included. Reductions in other department expenses partially offset increases. Funding for the last year of the agricultural marketing contract is encumbered and will appear in the final budget appropriations.

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Animal Control charges this budget for trapping small animals in the Lake Tahoe area. State reimbursements are received for a portion of the Agricultural Commissioner's salary, agriculture, weights-and-measures, and pesticide enforcement programs. Additionally, revenue is received for inspection services related to plants and other agricultural commodities and inspection of gasoline and diesel nozzle dispensers. The department's newly revised fee schedule results in increases in revenues to partially recover costs for agricultural inspections, apiary and pest control registrations and certifications, and inspections of weighing and measuring devices (scales and meters).

The Agricultural Commission oversees the *Fish and Game Commission* budget. Recommended expenditures provide for commissioner fees, secretarial services, travel costs, an annual fishing derby, and local education activities. This budget receives a general fund contribution, fine revenues and interest earnings.

## Final Budget Changes from the Proposed Budget

With the final budget, the *Agriculture Commissioner / Sealer* appropriation rebudgeted costs for the Fruitvale School Restoration Project (\$5,693), and provided additional funding for support staff (\$34,856) and an extra help agriculture aide to assist with evaluating land use projects (\$12,590). These costs were offset by a reduction for equipment and supplies that were purchased during FY 2004-05 (\$23,200).

*Fish and Game Fund* provided funding for the purchase of one 4x4 terrain vehicle and small equipment (\$15,700). To offset the net cost of the budget the fund canceled the reserve account, Designation for Future Occurance (\$18,036). Two existing positions were reclassified, one to an executive secretary and the other to a senior administrative clerk.

## AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER / SEALER OF WEIGHTS & MEASURES FUND 100 / APPROPRIATION 22210

	Actual 2003-04	Actuals 2004-05	Requested 2005-06	Recommended 2005-06	Change %	Adopted 2005-06
<b>Expenditures</b>						
Salaries and Employee Benefits	\$ 930,243	\$ 1,008,146	\$ 1,154,626	\$ 1,154,626	15%	\$ 1,202,072
Services and Supplies	259,408	248,645	208,786	208,786	-16%	206,979
Capital Assets	-	-	15,700	15,700	100%	-
Intra Fund Charges	-	86	21,722	21,722	25158%	21,722
<b>Net Budget:</b>	<b>\$ 1,189,651</b>	<b>\$ 1,256,877</b>	<b>\$ 1,400,834</b>	<b>\$ 1,400,834</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>\$ 1,430,773</b>
<b>Revenue</b>						
Intergovernmental Revenue	\$ 572,662	\$ 573,354	\$ 505,425	\$ 505,425	-12%	\$ 505,425
Charges for Services	53,397	83,397	84,900	84,900	2%	84,900
Miscellaneous Revenue	15,046	14,980	8,000	8,000	-47%	8,000
<b>Total Revenue:</b>	<b>641,105</b>	<b>671,731</b>	<b>598,325</b>	<b>598,325</b>	<b>-11%</b>	<b>598,325</b>
<b>Net County Cost:</b>	<b>\$ 548,546</b>	<b>\$ 585,146</b>	<b>\$ 802,509</b>	<b>\$ 802,509</b>	<b>37%</b>	<b>\$ 832,448</b>
Allocated Positions	13	13	13	13	0%	13

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## CORE FUNCTION: AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER / SEALER OF WEIGHTS & MEASURES

### Weights & Measures Program

**Program Purpose:** To conduct inspections and enforce laws regarding accuracy in commercial weighing and measuring devices such as gas station pumps, produce scales, price scanners, and labels and certificates used by commerce, in order to protect consumers against fraud and deception and increase consumer confidence in local business.

**Total Expenditures:** \$250,000

**Total Staffing:** 3.00

- **Key Intended Outcome:** To ensure marketplace equity in commercial transactions involving weighing, measuring and labeling.

Weights & Measures Indicators:	Actual 2002-03	Actual 2003-04	Actual 2004-05	Projected 2005-06
% of commercial weighing and measuring devices inspected within the year	34%	83%	76%	100%
# of inspections in which violations were found	131	310	219	0
% of violations cleared at first re-inspection	92%	91%	92%	100%

**Program Comments:** Because of increased staffing, the number of weighing and measuring devices inspected is higher than in 2001 thru mid-2003. The number of devices inspected was lower than last year because time spent inspecting certain nursery stock shipments to prevent possible introduction of Sudden Oak Death disease.

### Pesticide Use Enforcement Program

**Program Purpose:** To conduct agricultural pesticide use and records inspections in order to help agriculture comply with pesticide use regulations and safeguard the public and environment from pesticide misuse and harmful residues.

**Total Expenditures:** \$250,000

**Total Staffing:** 3.00

- **Key Intended Outcome:** Lower the numbers of improper pesticide use incidents.

Pesticide Use Enforcement Indicators:	Actual 2002-03	Actual 2003-04	Actual 2004-05	Projected 2005-06
# of pesticide use enforcement inspections in Placer County per year	181	293	172	350
# of violations found	89	149	130	0
% of violations cleared at first re-inspection	100%	100%	87%	100%

**Program Comments:** In FY 2004-05 we had an increased presence in the field for activities such as pesticide use monitoring inspections. The level of compliance was lower mainly because more inspections were conducted and

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violations were found during some of those inspections. This department is committed to informing the users of pesticides on how to be in compliance with state and federal laws. Many of the inspections revealed the success of our outreach efforts.

## Plant Health & Pest Prevention Program

**Program Purpose:** To protect residents and the agricultural industry from exotic insects, diseases, and weeds through nursery shipment inspections, insect detection inspections and the Weed Management Area Project.

**Total Expenditures:** \$798,084

**Total Staffing:** 7.00

- **Key Intended Outcome:** Maintain low incidence of exotic insect, disease and weed infestations.

Plant Health & Pest Prevention Indicators:	Actual 2002-03	Actual 2003-04	Actual 2004-05	Projected 2005-06
# of nursery shipments arriving in Placer County per year	33,355	42,134	35,981	35,000
# of inspections of nursery shipments arriving in Placer County per year	7,715	9,897	7,972	8,200
% of inspections of nursery shipments arriving in Placer County per year	23%	23%	22%	23%
# of exotic insect pest finds during detection trapping inspections per year	18	20	19	0

**Program Comments:** The County's agricultural industry and environment was threatened by the potential introduction of Sudden Oak Death disease and Glassy-winged Sharpshooter. The increased attention the department paid to the new threats took time away from other functions. Department staff assessed the potential risk of each plant shipment since not every shipment could be inspected.

## Other Agricultural Commissioner Programs

**Agricultural Marketing Program:** Promotes regional public awareness of Placer County agriculture, the sale of Placer County agriculture products, and agriculture-related tourism in order to enhance economic diversification of the farming community. The Agricultural Marketing Program submits press releases to local media throughout the year that highlight Placer County agriculture, and provides outreach to farmers and ranchers on ways to improve the marketing of their products. The program also distributes approximately 100,000 Placer County Farm Trail Guides to help and encourage consumers to buy fresh agricultural products from local producers.

**Total Expenditures:** \$102,750

**Total Staffing:** 0.00

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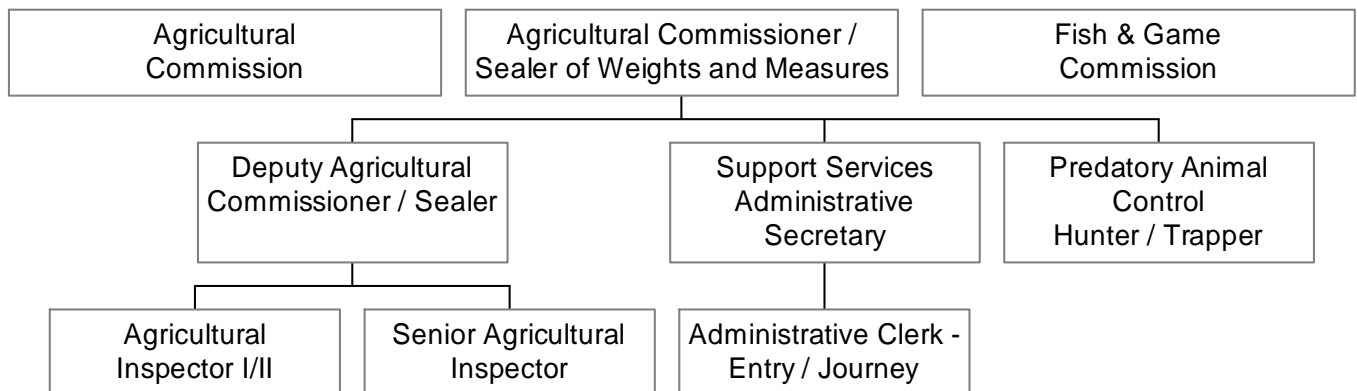
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## FISH & GAME COMMISSION FUND 130 / APPROPRIATION 22370

	Actual 2003-04	Actuals 2004-05	Requested 2005-06	Recommended 2005-06	Change %	Adopted 2005-06
<b>Expenditures</b>						
Services and Supplies	\$ 3,958	\$ 7,520	\$ 8,463	\$ 8,463	13%	\$ 16,263
Capital Assets	-	-	-	-	0%	7,900
<b>Gross Budget:</b>	<u>3,958</u>	<u>7,520</u>	<u>8,463</u>	<u>8,463</u>	13%	<u>24,163</u>
Intra Fund Credits	(1,855)	-	(1,755)	(1,755)	100%	(1,755)
Appropriations for Contingencies	-	-	1,159	1,159	100%	1,159
<b>Net Budget:</b>	<u>\$ 2,103</u>	<u>\$ 7,520</u>	<u>\$ 7,867</u>	<u>\$ 7,867</u>	5%	<u>\$ 23,567</u>
<b>Revenue</b>						
Fines, Forfeits and Penalties	\$ 4,188	\$ 1,774	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	-15%	\$ 1,500
Revenue from Use of Money and Property	490	537	700	700	30%	700
Other Financing Sources	-	1,855	-	-	-100%	-
<b>Total Revenue:</b>	<u>4,678</u>	<u>4,166</u>	<u>2,200</u>	<u>2,200</u>	-47%	<u>2,200</u>
<b>Net County Cost:</b>	<u>\$ (2,575)</u>	<u>\$ 3,354</u>	<u>\$ 5,667</u>	<u>\$ 5,667</u>	69%	<u>\$ 21,367</u>
Allocated Positions	-	-	-	-	0%	-

**Program Purpose:** To preserve the fisheries and wildlife in Placer County for future generations through habitat improvements, animal trappings and collaring, and pollution monitoring of streams and lakes in cooperation with the State Department of Fish and Game.

# AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER / SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES



POSITIONS: 13

**AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER /  
SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES  
APPROPRIATION SUMMARY  
Fiscal Year 2005-06**

**ADMINISTERED BY:            AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER**

Appropriations	FY 2004-05		FY 2005-06	
	Actual	Position Allocations	BOS Adopted Budget	Position Allocations
<b>GENERAL FUND</b> Agricultural Commissioner	\$     1,256,877	13	\$     1,430,773	13
<b>OTHER OPERATING FUND</b> Fish & Game Commission - Fund 130	7,520	0	23,567	0
<b>TOTAL ALL FUNDS</b>	\$     1,264,397	13	\$     1,454,340	13



# Agricultural Commission/Sealer

## General Fund

**Fund: 100**

**Subfund: 0**

**Appropriation: 22210**

<b>Budget Category (1)</b>	<b>Actual 2003-04 (2)</b>	<b>Actual 2004-05 (3)</b>	<b>Dept Req 2005-06 (4)</b>	<b>CEO Rec 2005-06 (5)</b>	<b>BOS Adopted 2005-06 (6)</b>
<b>Salaries &amp; Benefits</b>					
1002 Salaries and Wages	640,803	659,430	700,508	700,508	722,264
1003 Extra Help	43,522	42,726	75,368	75,368	86,803
1005 Overtime & Call Back	6,261	6,377	17,410	17,410	17,410
1300 P.E.R.S.	65,523	118,195	145,538	145,538	150,058
1301 F.I.C.A.	51,057	54,292	58,222	58,222	60,761
1310 Employee Group Ins	102,001	110,797	134,370	134,370	140,400
1315 Workers Comp Insurance	21,076	16,329	23,210	23,210	24,376
<b>Total Salaries &amp; Benefits</b>	<b>930,243</b>	<b>1,008,146</b>	<b>1,154,626</b>	<b>1,154,626</b>	<b>1,202,072</b>
<b>Services &amp; Supplies</b>					
2001 Agriculture	2,112		2,200	2,200	2,200
2050 Communications - Radio	2,449				
2051 Communications - Telephone	15,785	16,385	15,700	15,700	15,700
2290 Maintenance - Equipment	783	1,142	1,100	1,100	1,100
2291 Maintenance - Computer Equip			600	600	600
2431 Professional Dues		1,692	3,200	3,200	2,200
2439 Membership/Dues	2,762	215	350	350	350
2481 PC Acquisition	12,625	3,593	5,000	5,000	
2510 PC Upgrades	322		600	600	600
2511 Printing	8,675	7,235	9,000	9,000	9,000
2522 Other Supplies	3,853	5,167	4,000	4,000	2,500
2523 Office Supplies & Exp	2,446	2,059	3,250	3,250	3,250
2524 Postage	3,283	3,641	4,000	4,000	4,000
2554 Commissioner's Fees	3,640	3,600	4,320	4,320	4,320
2555 Prof/Spec Svcs - Purchased	101,971	92,619	6,800	6,800	6,800
2709 Rents & Leases - Computer SW	4,562	4,932	6,353	6,353	6,353
2710 Rents & Leases - Equipment	5,016		13,000	13,000	13,000
2770 Fuels & Lubricants	198	155	300	300	300
2838 Special Dept Expense-1099 Reportable		800			
2840 Special Dept Expense	5,232	21,557	29,813	29,813	35,506
2844 Training	475	100	900	900	900
2931 Travel & Transportation	3,750	3,261	7,300	7,300	7,300
2932 Mileage	729	753	1,000	1,000	1,000
2941 County Vehicle Mileage	78,740	79,739	90,000	90,000	90,000
<b>Total Services &amp; Supplies</b>	<b>259,408</b>	<b>248,645</b>	<b>208,786</b>	<b>208,786</b>	<b>206,979</b>
<b>Fixed Assets</b>					
4451 Equipment			15,700	15,700	
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>			<b>15,700</b>	<b>15,700</b>	
<b>Charges From Departments</b>					
5051 I/T - Communications			102	102	102
5291 I/T Maintenance - Computer Equipment			102	102	102
5556 I/T - Professional Services			21,518	21,518	21,518
5840 I/T Special Dept Expense		36			
5844 I/T Training		50			
<b>Total Charges From Departments</b>		<b>86</b>	<b>21,722</b>	<b>21,722</b>	<b>21,722</b>
<b>Gross Budget</b>	<b>1,189,651</b>	<b>1,256,877</b>	<b>1,400,834</b>	<b>1,400,834</b>	<b>1,430,773</b>
<b>Net Budget</b>	<b>1,189,651</b>	<b>1,256,877</b>	<b>1,400,834</b>	<b>1,400,834</b>	<b>1,430,773</b>

# Agricultural Commission/Sealer

## General Fund

Fund: 100

Subfund: 0

Appropriation: 22210

Budget Category (1)	Actual 2003-04 (2)	Actual 2004-05 (3)	Dept Req 2005-06 (4)	CEO Rec 2005-06 (5)	BOS Adopted 2005-06 (6)
Less: Revenues					
7196 State Aid for Agriculture	(531,887)	(570,110)	(505,425)	(505,425)	(505,425)
7326 Federal - Other	(40,775)	(3,244)			
8138 Agricultural Marketing Services	(5,788)	(4,850)			
8140 Agricultural Services	(18,668)	(21,386)	(29,900)	(29,900)	(29,900)
8193 Other Services	(28,941)	(57,161)	(55,000)	(55,000)	(55,000)
8764 Miscellaneous Revenues	(15,046)	(14,980)	(8,000)	(8,000)	(8,000)
Total Revenues	(641,105)	(671,731)	(598,325)	(598,325)	(598,325)
Net County Cost	548,546	585,146	802,509	802,509	832,448

# Fish and Game

## Fish and Game Fund

**Fund: 130**

**Subfund: 0**

**Appropriation: 22370**

Budget Category (1)	Actual 2003-04 (2)	Actual 2004-05 (3)	Dept Req 2005-06 (4)	CEO Rec 2005-06 (5)	BOS Adopted 2005-06 (6)
<b>Services &amp; Supplies</b>					
2140 Gen Liability Ins	100	16	18	18	18
2523 Office Supplies & Exp			80	80	80
2524 Postage	122	371	180	180	180
2554 Commissioner's Fees	930	1,470	2,100	2,100	2,100
2555 Prof/Spec Svcs - Purchased	500	800	1,000	1,000	1,000
2840 Special Dept Expense	928	3,187	3,585	3,585	11,385
2932 Mileage	670	968	1,500	1,500	1,500
3551 Transfer Out A-87 Costs	708	708			
<b>Total Services &amp; Supplies</b>	<b>3,958</b>	<b>7,520</b>	<b>8,463</b>	<b>8,463</b>	<b>16,263</b>
<b>Fixed Assets</b>					
4451 Equipment					7,900
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>					<b>7,900</b>
<b>Appropriation for Contingencies</b>					
5600 Appropriation for Contingencies			1,159	1,159	1,159
<b>Total Appropriation for Contingencie</b>			<b>1,159</b>	<b>1,159</b>	<b>1,159</b>
<b>Gross Budget</b>	<b>3,958</b>	<b>7,520</b>	<b>9,622</b>	<b>9,622</b>	<b>25,322</b>
<b>Less: Charges to Departments</b>					
5002 I/T - County General Fund	(1,855)		(1,755)	(1,755)	(1,755)
<b>Total Charges to Departments</b>	<b>(1,855)</b>		<b>(1,755)</b>	<b>(1,755)</b>	<b>(1,755)</b>
<b>Net Budget</b>	<b>2,103</b>	<b>7,520</b>	<b>7,867</b>	<b>7,867</b>	<b>23,567</b>
<b>Less: Revenues</b>					
6856 Other Court Fines	(4,188)	(1,774)	(1,500)	(1,500)	(1,500)
6950 Interest	(490)	(537)	(700)	(700)	(700)
8779 Contributions from General Fun		(1,855)			
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>(4,678)</b>	<b>(4,166)</b>	<b>(2,200)</b>	<b>(2,200)</b>	<b>(2,200)</b>
<b>Net County Cost</b>	<b>(2,575)</b>	<b>3,354</b>	<b>5,667</b>	<b>5,667</b>	<b>21,367</b>